George Preston Finlay, of Galveston, Galveston county, was born in Brandon county, Mississippi, November 16, 1829; moved to Lavaca, Calhoun county, Texas, in 1853: was a private in Jefferson Davis' Regiment of Mississippi volunteers, in the Mexican war of 1835; served in the Sixth Texas Infantry during the late war; moved to Galveston, in 1873, where he has practiced law successfully ever since; was elected Senator to the Ninth and Thirteenth Legislatures, and was elected at the late election as the Democratic nominee.